The Rotary Club of The Entrance

1972 to 2015

A Chronicle

Compiled by PP Robert J Unwin
The Organisational Meeting of the Provisional Rotary Club of The Entrance, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wyong, was held on 28 March 1972. The meeting was chaired by the President of Wyong Rotary Club, Stan Tindall.

The Charter Night, with District Governor Eric Blamey (Elva) in attendance, was held on 23 May 1972 at the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club. The President of Rotary International at the time was Ernst G. Breitholtz (Sweden). The Rotary International theme was “Goodwill Begins With You”.

Alf Codling was the foundation President. Dinner Fees were $3.50 per head.
THE ROTARY CLUB
OF THE ENTRANCE

1st Annual Change-Over Dinner

Tuesday, 26th June, 1973
at TUGGERAH LAKES GOLF CLUB

Menu

* LOBSTER COCKTAIL
* CHICKEN MARYLAND
* PARFIAT
* CHEESE & BISCUITS
* COFFEE – TEA

ROTARY GRACE
"O Lord and Giver of all good,
We thank Thee for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways,
Help us to serve Thee all our days."

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS 1973-74
President: MAX WALES
Vice-President: FRANK Hoad
Secretary: STEPHEN CUTLER
Treasurer: DON DAGGER
Sergeant at Arms: LESTER WEBBER

Club Service Director .......... NEV. BLOWES
Community Service Director ...... VIC. LEWIS
Vocational Service Director ...... ROB O'BRIEN
International Service Director ..... BOB HOWARTH
Immediate Past President .......... BILL BOLTON

HARVEY ALLEN.............. BOB HOWARTH
FRANK ALLMAN.............. ERIC KEECH
BEN BEEK.................... STUART LAWS
BILLY BOLTON............ VIC. LEWIS
NEV. BLOWES.............. DON MAY
CHARLIE BURCHIELL....... BILL MITCHELL
STEPHEN CUTLER.......... BOB O'BRIEN
JEFF CARR................. JEFF SCOWEN
DON DAGGER............... ROY STEER
BRIAN DUNCAN............. MAX WALES
BILL FAIRCHILD........... LESTER WEBBER
DAVID FLANAGAN............ TED WRIGHT

Programme

6.30 p.m. Fellowship
6.35 p.m. First Call
7.00 p.m. Call to Order and Grace

LOYAL TOAST

Apologies — Introduction of Visiting Rotarians and Guests

WELCOME TO VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS
Roy Steer — Reply, Malcolm Chalmers

TOAST TO OUR LADIES
Steve Cutler — Reply, Pauline Bolton

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF 100% ATTENDANCE
Sergeant at Arms — Eric Korch and Lester Webber

RECESS

REPORT BY RETIRING PRESIDENT BILL BOLTON
ARTIST
Mrs. Coralie Bayley — accompanied by Mrs. Janet Wales

INDUCTION AND ADDRESS BY INCOMING PRESIDENT, MAX WALES
ARTIST
Mr. Ted Kurschner — accompanied by Mrs. Norma Kurschner

APPRECIATION
Frank Hoad

NATIONAL ANTHEM
1973  Bill Bolton
In April 1973, following the resignation of Alf Codling, Bill Bolton became the second president of the club.

The RI President was Roy D. Hickman (Alabama) whose theme was “Let’s Take a New Look – And Act”. The District Governor was Fred Higgins.

The inaugural Ladies’ Night was held on 4 July 1972.

The first community project was the hosting of “Up, Up and Away”, a Model Aeroplane Display of 25 aeroplanes on 16 July, next to The Entrance High School.

In October, the club hosted officers of the Indonesian Air Force who were learning to fly Sabre Jets which had been given to Indonesia as foreign aid.

1973 - 1974  Max Wales
The first Changeover Dinner of the club was held at Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club on Tuesday 26 June, when Max Wales was inducted as president.

The RI President was William C. Carter (Berkshire, England)) whose theme was “A Time For Action”. The District Governor was Harry Fieldhouse.

Records of club events are almost non-existent between 1973 and 1980.

1974 - 1975  Frank Hoad
The RI President was William R. Williams (Florida), and his theme was, “Renew The Spirit Of Rotary”. The District Governor was Alex McPherson.

The club president was Frank Hoad.

One outstanding community contribution in the early years was the provision of a Community Service Bus. It was equipped to handle wheelchair patients.

1975 - 1976  Vic Lewis
The RI President was Ernesto de Mello (Brazil), and his theme was, “To Dignify The Human Being”. The District Governor was Bob Moin.

The club president was Vic Lewis.
1976 - 1977  Steve Cutler
The RI President was Robert Manchester II (Ohio), and his theme was, “I Believe In Rotary”. The District Governor was Les Whictcroft AM.
The club president was Steve Cutler.
This year the club donated a special steriliser to the Long Jetty Community Hospital because of its urgent need, and a “heart phone” for the assistance of heart patients.

1977 - 1978  Harvey Allen
The RI President was W. Jack Davis (Bermuda), and his theme was, “Serve To Unite Mankind”. The District Governor was John Carrick (Jill).
The club president was Harvey Allen.

1978 - 1979  Ken Field
The RI President was Clem Renouf (Queensland), and his theme was, “Reach Out”. The District Governor was Bob Burnett.
The club president was Ken Field.

1979 - 1980  Milton Jolly
The RI President was James L. Bomar Jr (Tennessee), and his theme was, “Let Service Light The Way”. The District Governor was Roy Parnell.
The club president was Milton Jolly (Alice); Secretary Stan Jolly; Treasurer Maurie Collocott.
Saltwater Creek Park at Long Jetty was dedicated as a Rotary Park to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Rotary International.
A significant event this year was the 5km Monster Surfboard Race held on Tuggerah Lake, believed to have been the first enclosed water board race ever held on the Central Coast, or perhaps anywhere in Australia.

The club also joined with the other nine Rotary Clubs on the Central Coast in funding a Rotary Lodge annexe at Gosford District Hospital, thus providing accommodation for relatives of surgical and medical patients stricken down in the area while away from home.
This was the year the club took possession of its first Chocolate Wheel made by Jack Foley and Frank Carr for the “Spin ‘n’ Win” meat and fruit /vegetable prizes, a fund raising project which continues to this day.

*Milton and Alice Jolly with Exchange Student, Sybille Von Lauffe from Cologne, Germany*
WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN TO ME?

“What does Rotary mean to me?”
  is a thought that must arise
   In the mind of a good Rotarian
    Whose membership he doth prize.

I’ve often pondered on this thought
   And never cease to discover
    The friendship and the warmth
     That Rotarians give each other.

But it’s not only personal friendships
   That inspire Rotarians to act
But the drive to do good things for others
   I know this for a positive fact.

We’re in there to do some real “pitching”
   For folk who are really in need
With a thought for the underprivileged
   And those who cry out for a feed.

Help for disadvantaged countries
   And our own unfortunate poor
Peace through worldwide understanding
   That’s what Rotary’s for.

Care for the people who are lonely
   The disabled and the sick
Strong interest in our younger folk
   That’s what makes Rotary “tick”.

I often feel sad for Rotarians
   Who have “fallen by the way”
And have left the banner of Rotary
   I hope they come back one day.

I know they must be missing
   All the “riches and the wealth”
That one gets from living our motto
   Which is “Service above Self”.

So there, I think I have answered
   The question I posed and you’ll see
That all those things I have mentioned and more
   Is what Rotary means to me.

Milton “The Poet” Jolly
   President
The Rotary Club of the Entrance, 1979-80
1980 - 1981 Frank Carr

The RI President was Rolf Klarich (Finland), and his theme was, “Take Time To Serve”. The District Governor was Col Crawford.

The club president was Frank Carr; Secretary Ross Campbell; Treasurer Ken Watt.

This year, the club sponsored the formation of the Probus Club of The Entrance, and held a Golf Day which raised $3,000.

A Christmas Dinner for over 460 Senior Citizens was held in December.

Projects included building a fresh water well in PNG and providing camping equipment for Scouts in Fiji.

1981 - 1982 Stan Jolly

The RI President was Stanley E. McCaffrey (California), and his theme was, “World Understanding And Peace Through Rotary”. The District Governor was Ken Galbraith.

The club president was Stan Jolley (Milton’s brother)

1982 -1983 Ron Preece

The RI President was Hiroji Musaka (Japan), and his theme was, “Mankind Is One – Build Bridges Of Friendship Throughout The World”. The District Governor was Graham Turnidge.

The club president was Ron Preece.

The charter of the Long Jetty Probus Club made The Entrance Rotary the first in District 968 to form two Probus Clubs.

1983 - 1984 Edwin Pragasam

The RI President was William E Skelton (Virginia USA), and his theme was, “Share Rotary – Serve People”. The District Governor was Buster Pye.

The club president was Edwin Pragasam.

The recipient of the club’s first Paul Harris Fellowship Award was PP Frank Carr, known to the club as “Mr Rotary”, and the first Ladies’ Probus Club was chartered (Bateau Bay Ladies).
1984 - 1985  Bob Howarth

The RI President was Carlos Canseco (Mexico), and his theme was, “Discover A New World Of Service”. The District Governor was Don Keighran.

The club president was Bob Howarth (Jean).

The club had become very involved in contributing funds to the newly-formed Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, the Rotary Foundation, IPAC and FAIM.

1985 - 1986  Bob Hecking

The RI President was Edward F. Cadman (Washington USA), and his theme was, “You Are The Key”. The District Governor was Peter Perry OAM.

The club president was Bob Hekking.

The club’s first Combined Community Raffle was conducted, the prize being a trip to Fiji. Local community groups participated and received from the club, an amount equal to the value of tickets sold. The principle of 100% return to organisations has continued to this day.

Peter Andrews, Town Planner with Wyong Shire Council, was the club’s first representative on a GSE team to Japan.

The club began its support of the Yarran Early Intervention Centre with an annual Christmas party, Santa and gifts.

1986 - 1987  Merv Harvey

The RI President was M.A.T. Caparas (Philippines), and his theme was, “Rotary Brings Hope”. The District Governor was Bruce Downie.

The club president was Merv Harvey (Sally); Edwin Pragasam, Secretary; Neville Foubister, Treasurer.

Membership dues were $50 per half year. There were 23 members.

Outgoing Youth Exchange Student was Sharyn Kerr, having a great time, and the lovely Youth Exchange Student, Nina, from Finland, returned home on 12 July.

Eighteen local organisations participated in the Combined Community Raffle. 13,500 tickets were printed. Total amount raised by and for the Community Raffle was $9,408

Total project donations were $18,260.99, distributed to 35 deserving organisations.

Tuggerah Lakes Ladies Probus Club was chartered on 5 February 1987, and Toowoon Bay Men’s Probus Club on 26 February 1987.
Bob Howarth produced a brief history of the club to date:

- Longest serving president: Ron Field
- Sole remaining charter member: Bob Howarth
- Paul Harris Fellowships:
  - Frank Carr
  - Sid Crean
  - Ron Preece
  - Ray Lillington
  - Stuart Laws
  - Mrs Georgia Laws
  - PHF was awarded to Edwin Pragasam by RC Madras (India)

- The club has sponsored five Probus Clubs
- Hosted five and sponsored four Youth Exchange students
- Sponsored two Group Study Exchange team members
- Local Projects include:
  - Rotary Park
  - Contribution to Gosford Hospital Rotary Lodge
  - Peer support to The Entrance High School
  - Careers Market
  - Mardi Gras Festival
  - Camp Breakaway
  - Yarran Annual Christmas Party
  - Support of Surf Clubs, Scout and Guide Groups, Meals on Wheels and others
- Over the past three years, the club has distributed funds in excess of $55,000.

1987 - 1988 Frank Carr

The RI President was Charles C. Keller (California), and his theme was, “Rotarians – United In Service - Dedicated To Peace”. The District Governor was Leon Becker.

The club president was Frank Carr (Margaret); Col Shore, Secretary; Bill Clifton, Treasurer.

The first donation to Rotary International’s Polio Plus Program was made.

Exchange student, Bettina Bold from Denmark arrived in August.

The Tourist Information Guide at Rotary Park was establishing itself as a major revenue-raiser, renting space to local tourist facilities.

The club’s Youth Exchange Student, Sally Hale, was the first student to go to Korea.
1988 - 1989 Keith Desmond

The RI President was Royce Abbey (Melbourne), and his theme was, “Put Life Into Rotary – Your Life”. The District Governor was Gordon Rowe.
The club president was Keith Desmond (Judie).
Joanne Eggerton was the club’s first twin exchange student to New Zealand.

1989 - 1990 John McIlwaine

The RI President was Hugh M. Archer (Michigan), and his theme was, “Enjoy Rotary”. The District Governor was Leon Becker.
The club president was John McIlwaine (Janice); Ron Preece, Secretary; Barry Malone, Treasurer.
A major project was the erection of a pathway linking the grounds of the AV Jennings Retirement Home at Killarney Vale with Wyong Council’s Cycleway.
The club fostered links with the Rotary Club of Clearwater, Florida, USA as part of the Sister Cities Project between Wyong Shire and Clearwater.
Garage Sales commenced several years before, continued during the year.
Red Cross doorknock participation raised almost $2000

1990 - 1991 Bruce Kearsley

The RI President was Paulo Costa (Brazil), and his theme was, “Honor Rotary With Faith And Enthusiasm”. The District Governor was Don Durie AM.
The club president was Bruce Kearsley; Ian Adams, Secretary; Barry Malone, Treasurer.
A Gala Golf Day raised $5000 for the Palliative Care Unit at Gosford Hospital.
New members inducted were Axel Westrenius, Ron Terrant, and Sam Aquilina.
Wyong Council allowed the club to use the vacant area under the public toilets in Thompson Street, Long Jetty, to store items to sell at Garage Sales. The first of these to be held in front of the storage area netted an amount of $600.
At the Mardi Gras, the club was awarded second prize for the most comical float in the parade (for the second year in a row).
A Golf Classic raised $5,000 towards a Cobalt Therapy Machine at Gosford Hospital.
Raelea Holley and Keren O’Brien attended the RYPEN weekend in April.
Club members and members of the five Probus Clubs supported Rotary’s BowelScan program.
The Rotary Shelter Shed was erected in Rotary Park.
1991 - 1992 Barry Malone

The RI President was Rajendra K. Saboo (India), and his theme was, “Look Beyond Yourself”. The District Governor was Ted Atkinson.

The club president was Barry Malone; Merv Harvey, Secretary; Terry O’Brien, Treasurer.

New members this year were Colin Moore, Gary Bennett, John Palmer, Milton Jolly (returned) and Paul Baker.

The club hosted Youth Exchange student, Danielle Pinho from Brazil.

Danielle Timothy received a RYLA award, and Nicole Wilson and Marko Fuerschke attended a RYPEN seminar.

The Central Coast Careers Market in Gosford was supported for another year.

This year, in excess of $40,000 was raised by the club. A new project was the “Tree of Joy” at Bay Village. Over 350 underprivileged children received Christmas gifts as a result. This activity was extended to include Lakeside Plaza at The Entrance and has continued to this day.

Another Golf Classic raised a further $5,000 towards the Cobalt Therapy Machine and Palliative Care Fund at Gosford Hospital.

Merv Harvey was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship.

The Community Raffle project reached a total of $100,000 since its inception eight years previously, and the club was awarded the Sydney Morning Herald Community Service Award for the Wyong Shire for this ongoing project.

The club supported the District World Community Service Thailand “IPAC Fish Farm Project”. Thai children in poor regions were taught how to grow and raise special breeds of fish in two metre deep dams for year round consumption, providing the children with a regular protein meal.

1992 - 1993 Con Bartsos

The RI President was Clifford Dochterman (California), and his theme was, “Real Happiness Is Helping Others”. The District Governor was Neville Chambers.

The club president was Con Bartsos; Bruce Kearsley was Secretary and Ian Adams was Treasurer.

During the year, new members were David Todd, Tony Dominguez, Alan Palmer, Robert Thompson, Carey Sewell, John Osborne and Robert Ikin. However, six members left the club for various reasons.

The club sponsored Youth Exchange Student, Rachael Dunn, on her exchange to Canada, and Karen Dobbie who went to Malaysia with the GSE team.

Student, Lloyd Wallace, became the club’s first accepted participant in the CRA National Summer Science School.

The Central Coast Life Education Project to educate school children about the dangers of drugs, was supported for the first time.
Support for Camp Breakaway continued with six members of the club assisting in its repainting.

A new project was the Rotary Country Fair. Held at Rotary Park there were 110 stall holders and displays by Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade, local Rescue Unit and The Entrance Brass Band. A most successful day with a profit of over $5,000.

The Central Coast Cancer Patients’ Transport Appeal received a tremendous boost from the club to assist in the appeal’s search for $160,000 to purchase a suitable coach to transport cancer sufferers daily between the Central Coast and the Sanitarium Hospital, Wahroonga.

Nine members and their wives attended and enjoyed the R I Convention in Melbourne.

The Golf Classic was held for the third year.

The LAMP (Lost and Missing Persons) project, commenced last year, was approved and supported by the police, and enlarged with the supply of LAMP boards for all local post offices.

1993 - 1994 Charles Zammit

**Believe in What You Do**

**Do What You Believe In**

The RI President was Robert R. Bath (Switzerland), and his theme was, “Believe In What You Do – Do What You Believe In”. The District Governor was Graham Goodfellow.

The club president was Charles Zammit; Carey Sewell was Secretary and Ian Adams was Treasurer.

The club sponsored its first student, Barney Stranger, to the Summer Engineering School in Newcastle.

Another Golf Classic resulted in $6,600 being donated to the Central Coast Cancer Patient Transport Appeal.

Our incoming Exchange student Sharon Orell arrived from Canada in August, and Jasmine Reece departed for Durban, South Africa in January.

Membership at the end of the year was 24.

1994 - 1995 Ken Aber

The RI President was William H Huntley (England), and his theme was, “Be A Friend”. The District Governor was Ivan Skellet.

The club president was Ken Aber; Alan Palmer was Secretary and Ian Adams was Treasurer.

The club was awarded a Presidential Citation in recognition of significant participation in community concerns.

The induction of Don Bradford was offset by the resignation of four members during the year.

Keith Desmond successfully raised funds for FAIM, enabling him to travel away to assist in his first FAIM project in PNG.

Ongoing projects included Yarran Christmas Party (“The Toyman”, Harry Filsell made and distributed wooden toys to the children as Christmas gifts), Community Raffle for the eleventh year, Pride of Workmanship, Bowelscan, “Red Cross Calling” doorknock appeal, Garage Sales, Red Shield Appeal, Careers Market and Tree of Joy.

A third Golf Day raised $4300 in support of the Wyong Hospital Children’s Wing.

Support was given to The Smith Family in a Charity Quest, and $500 was raised at the Jazz Festival.
1995 - 1996  Alan Palmer

The RI President was Herbert G. Brown (Florida), and his theme was, “Act With Integrity, Serve With Love, Work For Peace”. The District Governor was Geoff Grenfell (Margaret).

The club president was Alan Palmer; Secretary was Axel Westrenius; and Treasurer was Ian Adams for the fourth time.

All of the previous year’s projects were repeated this year.

Two Garage Sales netted $800 for the club.

The club began its support for the education of two Zimbabwean children, and financial support was given to the Panchkula India Trade Skills Training Project where orphaned children were trained in occupations for their future survival.

Shanna Guy and Kay Creighton from Berkeley Vale High School attended a Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment weekend at Camp Breakaway in March. RYPEN has as its principal aim, to communicate to young people involved, a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards.

The resignation of Edwin Pragasam left 19 members at the end of the year.

1996 - 1997  Robert Ikin

The RI President was Luis Vicente Giay (Argentina), and his theme was, “Build The Future With Action And Vision”. The District Governor was Alex Sawyer (Olga).

The Club President was Robert Ikin, the Secretary was Axel Westrenius and the Treasurer was Barry Malone.

Membership at the start of the year was eighteen.

New members inducted in May were Malcolm McDonald and Alan Kember. Colin Moore resigned due to ill health.

With the help of RC Erina, RC The Entrance assisted with the opening of Mingara’s new premises at Tumbi Umbi.

Guest of Honour at the Silver Anniversary Dinner Dance celebrating the 25th birthday of the club, was Police Commissioner, Peter Ryan.

50th Anniversary of the United Nations. The club again supported the Panchkula India Trade Skills Training Project.
1997 - 1998  Michael Drake

The RI President was Glen W. Kinross, and his theme was, “Show Rotary Cares”. The District Governor was Brian Coleman (Daryl).

The club president was Michael Drake; Secretary Barry Malone; and Treasurer Charles Zammit.

Due Mingara having to relocate the market site to make way for a new carpark, most stallholders decided not to support our Rotary Markets any longer, so the club had to close this very worthwhile venture.

The club participated in hosting the visit by the GSE team from France to the Hunter Valley.

Bowelscan, Careers Market, Pride of Workmanship, Yarran Christmas Party, Tree of Joy and the Combined Community Raffle were all features of this Rotary year.

Another milestone was reached with the induction of the club’s first female member, Christie Lee. Christie was followed by Glenys Summers.

Robert Unwin, PP of Moruya Club, joined the club in November.

1998 - 1999  Don Bradford, John McIlwaine

The RI President was James L. Lacey, and his theme was, “Follow Your Rotary Dream”. The District Governor was Alex Gow.

The club president was Don Bradford, then John McIlwaine (for the second time); Secretary was Con Bartsos; and Treasurer was Rob Unwin.

The first half of the year was a very difficult one, with the resignation of five members, poor attendance, overall low morale and the resignation of the president in February. With the full support of the members and directors, John McIlwaine was elected as president, and the tone of the club improved rapidly. There were two new members, Rob Taylor and Derek Birch, and Glenys Summers returned to the fold. Sadly, PP Milton “the Poet” Jolly passed away on 12 June.

Mingara Club’s refurbishments included a water feature near the entrance which was dubbed “The Rotary Wishing Well”. It became the role of the treasurer to don gumboots each week, and with brush and pan scoop out the coins into a bucket, take them home to dry, and then bank up to $100 each week into the Project account. The wishing well was dismantled after a short time to make way for further improvements.

In May the club hosted 30 overseas students from The University of New South Wales on a tour of our district. This was an enjoyable fellowship activity and greatly appreciated by the students.

Hayley Desmond and Michelle Norris attended the RYLA seminar at Vision Valley.

The club built its very own “train” for the Yarran Christmas Party with the loan of Michael Drake’s “M.A.S.H.” Jeep and the skills and labour of a number of Rotarians. The kids just loved it! Harry Filsell (“The Toyman”) made and donated scores of hand-made toys for each of the children, as he did for many years.

Through the “Donations in Kind” Program, the club shipped surplus beds from Berkeley Vale Hospital to hospitals in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. It also hosted 30 overseas students from the University of NSW through the Australian Hospitality Program.
1999 - 2000  Con Bartsos

The RI President was Carlo Ravizza, and his theme was, “Act With Consistency, Credibility, Continuity”. The District Governor was Larry Jacka (Miriam).

The club president was Con Bartsos (for the second time); Secretary was Rob Unwin; and Treasurer was Barry Malone.

Once again the club supported local youth. Two disadvantaged children were sponsored to attend Operation Hope at Vision Valley, Arcadia, where they had a week’s holiday to learn self-confidence, motivation and self-worth, guided by trained counsellors.

Ray Palmer attended a RYLA Seminar.

Sufficient funds were raised to donate a CAT scan machine in a health facility in Nepal. The club also supported the Dental Maxillo Surgery Project in Katmandu.

Club members assisted with supervision at the Blue Light Disco.

Through the generosity of Charles and Helene Zammit, a beautiful set of leadlight stained glass panels was donated by the club to a new high school being built on a remote island in Vanuatu. Regrettably, Charles resigned from the club at the end of the year, due to work commitments.

The tourist board in Rotary Park was upgraded with a new map and renewal of the advertising signs.

Club membership rose from 16 to 21 during the year. New members were Ken Delamore, Noeleen Smith, Pam Elliott, Jayne Silich and Doug Allan.

2000 - 2001  Keith Desmond

The RI President was Frank J Devlin, and his theme was, “Create Awareness - Take Action”. The District Governor was Michael Van Heeswyck (Jennifer).

The club president was Keith Desmond (for the second time); Secretary was Rob Unwin; and Treasurer was Barry Malone.

At the beginning of the year there were twenty members, and four new members were inducted during the year: Clem Coxhead, Gary Smith, Peter Clough and Eileen Wyard.

A new project, “Spin ‘n’ Win” (previously called the “Chocolate Wheel”) was introduced on a weekly basis at Bay Village, and greatly boosted the club’s fundraising.

At Rotary Park, the Tourist Advertising Board was upgraded, and presents valuable information to our tourists regarding the facilities of the area. It is looking first class once again, thanks to John McIlwaine. It is also a good source of revenue by way of space rental, and worth the effort.

The club supported the Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children program (ROMAC) for the first time, and organised a day trip for The Netherlands GSE team.

The club supported Bowelscan for the eleventh year with the help of local Probus clubs and the National Servicemen’s Association.

A once-off project was the support of the Salvation Army’s “Grandmother of the Year” by donating a Stephen Franks painting.

The Entrance High School agreed to field a team of students in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly).
2001 - 2002  Robert Unwin

The RI President was Richard D King, and his theme was, “Mankind Is Our Business”. The District Governor was Barry Philps (Jennifer).

The club president was Rob Unwin; Secretary was Pam Elliott; and Treasurer was Barry Malone.

 Sadly, in May, our good friend and greatly valued foundation member, Bob Howarth, passed away. Bob was a pillar of strength and fun to be with. His contribution to the club was immense.

Two exciting events occurred with the introduction of Kevin Hill’s Top Ten Australian Artists’ Show at the Pacific International Resort, The Entrance, resulting in $2,000 being raised by the club and donated to The Entrance Surf Lifesaving Club for a replacement motor for their rescue vessel. The second was the “Helping Children to Read” program, a two-part course designed to give parents and carers the skills to effectively teach pre-school children to read before they attend school. It was so well received that further courses were presented throughout District 9680. As a result of all her hard work, its designer and club member, Glenys Summers, received a Paul Harris Fellowship from District 9680.

MUNA was very successful with the club sponsoring three teams. It was a great pleasure for the club to witness at first hand the ability of the young participants to adapt to the real challenges that are faced in the world.

The GSE team from Devon, England, was hosted in April and the Club’s 30th Birthday was celebrated in May.

Fourteen delegates attended the District Conference in Dubbo with its Scottish theme.

2002 - 2003  Clem Coxhead

The RI President was Bhichai Rattakul, and his theme was, “Sow The Seeds Of Love”. The District Governor was Harold Sharpe (Gina Growden).

The club president was Clem Coxhead; Secretary was Glenys Summers; and Treasurer was Barry Malone (for the fourth time).

The “30-30-30” goal for the club’s Community Raffle was achieved: a $3,000 prize and $30,000 raised in the club’s 30th year, thus breaking through the $300,000 mark in total funds raised by community organisations since the inception of the project.

A Vocational visit was made to Operation Hope at Mangrove Mountain Retreat.

The club catered for the Central Coast Truck Show at Mingara this year, but with disappointing results.

The Art Show was held again this year with $4000 raised in the sale of tickets for the donated painting.

Assistance was given to the Carols By Candlelight at Memorial Park by way of a barbecue in the dark!

PP Jack Foley passed away in November 2002.
2003 - 2004  Ross Paddon

The RI President was Jonathan Majiyabe, and his theme, “Lend a Hand”. District Governor was Danny Low.

The new president was Ross Paddon, Secretary was James Sleeman, and Treasurer was Max Taylor.

The highlight of this Rotary year was the instigation of the Rotary Crackneck Challenge (16 km) and Community Fun Run/Walk (5 km), attracting 288 participants. With the assistance of many local authorities, generous sponsors and “Team Rotary”, it was an outstanding success.

The “Top Ten” Art Show was held for the third year, raising $4,000 for the Long Jetty Health Care Ladies’ Auxiliary.

The Ford Car Club “Show ‘n’ Shine” was a first time venture for the club.

2004 - 2005  Glenys Summers

Rotary International’s Centenary Year. The RI President was Glenn E Estess, and his theme was “Celebrate Rotary”. The District Governor was Bruce Allen.

President Glenys Summers, our first female president took over from Ross Paddon at our 32nd Changeover Dinner on 29 July 2004, and promptly headed off for a holiday in the Maldives! Secretary was James Sleeman and Rob Unwin was Treasurer.

Peter Lovelock was inducted on 24 August.

The Entrance club sponsored and helped at the Top Ten Art Show, which was opened by Helen Zerefos on 15 October.

The “Murder Mystery Night” organised by Peter Ford, was held at Forresters Resort on 20 November.

In January, The Entrance club won the debate with RC Ourimbah. The subject was “No Means No!”

The Athens Olympics was celebrated at the home of Con and Carolyn Bartsos on 14 August.

The Celebration of 100 Years of Rotary on 19 February began with the Official Opening of the Rotary Gardens at Mount Penang, and was followed by a Gala Dinner at Mingara that night.

A new Probus Club was chartered - Forresters Beach Combined Probus Club.

A Vocational Visit was made to The Glenn Centre at Chittaway, a rehabilitation centre for young people with problems.

An inter-club meeting with RC Five Dock was held on 3 May in Sydney. Most of the members travelled by bus, driven by PP Clem Coxhead.
The RI President was Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer, and his theme was the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”. Greg Muldoon was the District Governor.

The new president was Peter Ford, Secretary was Rob Unwin, and Treasurer was Peter Ward.

Harry Wallace was inducted on Changeover Night, 28 June, and a Paul Harris Fellow membership was awarded to PP Ross Paddon.

On 16 August The Entrance was host to the Rotary Clubs of Wyong, Erina and Ourimbah. John Dugard addressed 75 people on the subject of “Terrorism”.

Matthew Furlong was made a member on 5 November and on 22 November, Wal Cooper was inducted into the club.

A vocational Visit was made to the Norah Head Lighthouse on 7 February, and dinner was held at the nearby Shorethyme Restaurant.

The Bateau Bay Combined Probus Club was formed by The Rotary Club of The Entrance on 13 February, with John McIlwaine as Foundation President. Their new gong and mallet, as well as the President’s collar was donated by the club.

This was the seventh local Probus Club formed by The Entrance Rotary Club. The others were The Entrance (1980), Long Jetty (1982), Bateau Bay Ladies (the first ladies’ club, 1983), Tuggerah Lakes Ladies (1987), Toowoon Bay (1987) and Forresters Beach (2005).

The “Show ‘n’ Shine” car show was held on 26 February, and the barbecue raised $1,300.

In February, for the second year in a row, The Entrance won the debate with RC Ourimbah. The subject was “Boxing is Food for the Mind”. The adjudicator was the famous Rocky Gattellari.

The GSE team from Sweden and West Russia visited the Central Coast clubs at Erina in March. Local girl, Emma McBride had been chosen as a member of the 9680 team to return visit to Sweden and west Russia.

A further Vocational visit was made in May. This time to the Toowoon Bay Surf Club for a tour of the facilities, and a delicious barbecue meal.

A combined Changeover Dinner was held on 24 June for RC The Entrance and The Inner Wheel Club of Wyong. Incoming presidents were Lionel and Sheila Maddams respectively.

The RI President was William B. Boyd and his theme was: “Lead The Way”. Pam Pritchard was our District Governor.

Lionel Maddams was President; Rob Unwin, Secretary and Peter Ward, Treasurer.

Membership of the club was reduced to eighteen members with the resignation of James Sleeman and Peter Ford.
A grant of $3,000 from the federal government was received to purchase a trailer complete with all items required to set up a barbecue at community events. Rob Unwin organised the purchase of the trailer, tent, barbecues, eskys, chairs, tables, tools etc.

Glenys Summers and Harry Wallace resigned in July.

In October a Vocational visit was to “Donnisons on the Park” in Gosford.

The first use of the new barbecue trailer was on 1st October assisting with Wyong Council’s Bike Week event at Rotary Park.

34 members of the community were invited to a Rotary Interest Night on 26 September. Unfortunately there was no increase in our membership as a result.

Wyong Inner Wheel ladies helped with the catering and serving at the sixth annual Top Ten Art Show, held at Erina Fair in October.

The new barbecue trailer was in use again at the “Spirited Communities Project” at The Entrance Public School.

A donation was made to the Norah Head Lighthouse Trust for the purchase of audio visual equipment.

Katrina Wallace was the club’s entrant in the Mardi Gras Queen competition.

Torben Nielsen was inducted in December.

The first of the annual New Year barbecues at the home of Alan and Judy Palmer was held on 9 January with 28 members and partners attending.

The combined dinner with RC Erina to host the GSE Team from Brazil was held at Erina in February.

Chris Wyatt (pharmacist) was inducted on 13 February.

The 35th Birthday of the club was celebrated in May.

The old fundraiser “Lucky Envelopes” was commenced this Rotary year with a revamped banner from RC Queanbeyan, and easel and other gear constructed by Lionel Maddams and Rob Unwin. It has proved to be a good project, raising hundreds of dollars over the years it was in operation at Lakeside Plaza and The Entrance Markets. It was discontinued, however, in 2013.

Robert Ikin was made a Paul Harris Fellow at the Changeover Dinner in June.
The RI president was Wilf Wilkinson and his theme was: “Rotary Shares”. Monica Saville was our District Governor.

Peter Ward was President; Wendy Wallace, Secretary and Matthew Furlong, Treasurer.

Max Taylor and Alan Palmer were made Paul Harris Fellows.

The annual Art Show returned to Oaks Resort at the Entrance after a disappointing year at Erina Fair. Proceeds were donated to Yarran Early Intervention Centre (which we have supported for many years), and the Bateau Bay PCYC.

A charity concert raising $14,000 was held at Mingara in aid of a little girl with leukaemia. Artists included Judy Stone, Lucky Starr, and Toni Stevens.

The annual Christmas party for the children at Yarran was held in December with a barbecue picnic, gifts from Santa and a train ride.

During the year the club continued to promote and support Operation Hope, Kids Matter, RYPEN, RYDA and MUNA.

Regrettably, our very popular and loyal Rotarian, PP Ross Paddon passed away in March following a long illness.

2008 - 2009 Alan Palmer

The RI president was Dong Kurn Lee and his theme was: “Make Dreams Real”. Tony Castley (Sandra) was our District Governor.

Alan Palmer was President (for the second time); Wendy Wallace, Secretary and Matthew Furlong, Treasurer.

The regular “Pride of Workmanship” Dinner was outstanding this year with eight young men and women recognised for their “Service Above Self”.

The new, improved Rotary Park at Saltwater Creek, Long Jetty with its new facilities including a state of the art children’s “Liberty” playground, was opened in August.

Activities this year included a Central Coast tour of local dams, a visit to the Avoca Theatre with RC Erina, Christmas in July at Diggers Club, Christmas Dinner with RC Erina at Mingara, pharmacy vocational visit, radio collection visit at John & Janice McIlwaine’s home, a visit to Operation Hope at Mangrove Mountain, a barbecue at Pres. Alan and Judy Palmer’s home, a Bike Week Barbecue at Rotary Park, a Vocational visit to the newly opened Mingara Fitness One, and a barbecue and new tent raising at Toowoon Bay.

For the second time, the club was successful in an application for funding through the Australian Government’s Volunteer Grants Programme. With $2,190 received, the club purchased a laptop computer, data projector and associated equipment.

Sheila Maddams and Janice McIlwaine were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships.
Thirty-five local people attended a membership information night, where presentations were given on ShelterBox, ROMAC and the Australian Wheelchair Foundation. Regrettably, no new members were obtained as a result of this function.

2009 - 2010 Matthew Furlong

The RI president was John Kenny and his theme was: “The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”. John Cameron (Margaret) was our District Governor.

Matthew Furlong was President; Wendy Wallace then Rob Unwin, Secretaries; and Peter Ward, Treasurer.

The club’s membership at thirteen was becoming seriously low at the commencement of the year. Fortunately for The Entrance, six members of RC Ourimbah elected to transfer to The Entrance when it became necessary for them to hand in their charter. They were Alan Hildridge, Lex Laidlaw, Anne Stone, Liz Kerr, Allan Coats and Stan Crellin. In addition, Rodney Templeman, Coralie Brookfield-Brown and Rick and Pat Sinfield were inducted during the year, bringing the total membership up to 24.

National Youth Science Forum candidate, Jack Geoghegan, was selected from 4,000 candidates to attend the cosmonaut training facility in Russia.

Paige Labone was the club’s entrant in the Mardi Gras Queen competition. Ex-Ourimbah members Liz Kerr and Anne Stone successfully conducted the Central Coast MUNA program, and the winning team from Gosford High School competed in the National competition in Canberra.

The Combined Community Raffle, which has been running for 25 years, raised over $39,000 for local groups and organisations, and continues to be very popular with the charities involved.

A vocational visit to “Andale”, a Somersby manufacturer of beverage equipment was held in November.

The Pride of Workmanship programme again attracted eight nominees.

Ten ShelterBoxes were funded by the employer of President Matthew.

Jessica Hook attended RYLA at Collaroy in January.

Local girl, Kate Gregory, was selected to visit Germany as a Rotary Exchange Student.
2010 - 2011  Con Bartsos

The RI president was Ray Klinginsmith and his theme was: “Building Communities - Bridging Continents”. George Papallo (Cathie) was our District Governor.

Con Bartsos was President (for the third time); Rob Unwin was Secretary; and Peter Ward, Treasurer.

During the year Rob Unwin was presented with a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin, and PHFs were awarded to Stan Crellin and three more partners, Margaret Unwin and Judy Palmer, and later, Carolyn Bartsos.

Rudi Rynsbergen was inducted to club membership.

Social highlights of the year included “Christmas in July in Scotland” together with Erina Rotary, a Melbourne Cup Pizza Night at John & Janice McIlwaine’s home, “Halloween” at the Bartsos’, and the regular New Year barbecue at the Palmers.

A demonstration of a Shelter Box was made at Berkeley Vale Public School whose students raised $1,000 for the donation of a ShelterBox to the club.

Regular events held this year were, Spin ‘n’ Win and Lucky Envelopes, the Combined Community Raffle, Pride of Workmanship (seven awardees), Bowelscan, the Yarran Christmas Party, and the Tree of Joy.

The club supported Group Exchange (Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma), Shelterbox, Polio Plus, Rotary Centurions, ROMAC, MUNA, RYDA and the Wheelchair Foundation among others.

Tim Ward attended RYPEN, and Jennifer Lee attended the RYLA Seminar.

The Entrance hosted the Combined Youth Central Coast Champions Award which recognised 80 candidates in the categories of Community, Vocational, Academic, Sports and Performing Arts. The club also supported the mobile Dental and Podiatry bus, Academic Achievement Awards at Ourimbah Campus of the University of Newcastle and Wyong TAFE, and as usual, Australian Rotary Health.

2011 - 2012  Peter Ward

The RI president was Kalyan Banerjee and his theme was: “Reach within To Embrace Humanity”. David Rands (Anne) was our District Governor.

Peter Ward was President; Rob Unwin, Secretary; and Alan Palmer, Treasurer.

The strength of the club continued to be its service to Youth. This year’s activities included RYPEN (Adam Withers and Cassie Morgan), RYLA (Lauren Shanks), RYDA, MUNA and Yarran.

Funds raised in the Project Account exceeded $70,000, of which $40,000 was raised by and for the local organisations availing themselves of the benefit of the Combined Community Raffle which returns 100% of the value of tickets sold to the organisation. The Rotary Club covers all expenses: prizes, cost of printing etc.
At the District Conference’s Masked Ball in Wollongong, The Entrance won the best decorated table competition with Judy Palmer’s “Masked Balls”.

Over 80 Central Coast Rotarians and guests attended the presentation hosted by The Entrance Club at Mingara for the visiting GSE team from District 1260 in the UK.

Unfortunately, membership of the club is again at a very low level. Despite determined efforts to find new members, this remains a very serious concern.

Anne Rands’ special project, Biblioteka Emera in Timor L’Este, was given financial support at the Changeover Dinner.

2012 - 2013  Rudi Rynsbergen, then John McIlwaine

RI president: Sakuji Tanaka. His theme: “Peace Through Service”.
District Governor: John Dodd (Janelle).
Presidents: Rudi Rynsbergen, then John McIlwaine (for the third time); Secretary: Rob Unwin; and Treasurer: Alan Palmer.

At the Changeover Dinner on 25 June, outgoing president John McIlwaine was presented with a sapphire pin to go with his PHF.

Over the 40 years of the club’s history to date, there have been 28 Paul Harris recognitions. Currently, there are seven Centurion Club members.

2013 - 2014  Rob Unwin / John McIlwaine

RI President: Ron Burton (Oklahoma). His theme: “Engage Rotary – Change Lives”. Governor of the amalgamated new District 9685: Graeme Davies (Lyn).

President: Rob Unwin (for the second time). Secretary: Con Bartsos. Treasurer: Alan Palmer.

This year saw the amalgamation of districts 9680 and part of District 9690 to form District 9685, comprising 93 clubs from Northlakes Toukley in the north to Lithgow in the west.
In March, a class set of microscopes was presented to Brooke Avenue Public School in order to increase an awareness of scientific study.

Due to ill health, President Rob Unwin had to take extended leave half-way through the year, and VP John McIlwaine again saw the year out as Acting President.

Bunnings Tuggerah allocated a date during this Rotary year for the club to hold a barbecue stall on their premises. The event was very successful in many ways.

The annual Community Raffle resulted in an all time high for funds raised by the participating groups. During the past 31 years over $760,000 has been raised through this self-help scheme.

2014 - 2015 Peter Ward

RI President: Gary C. K. Huang (Taiwan).
His Theme: “Light Up Rotary”.

Governor of District 9685: Ian Scott AM (Jennifer).

President: Peter Ward (for the third time). Secretary: Con Bartsos. Treasurer: Stan Crellin.

With the resignation of Lionel Maddams, membership had dwindled to ten, despite ongoing efforts to enlist new members.

Other nearby clubs were experiencing the same problems and combined meetings with these clubs (especially Wyong Tuggerah) were commenced once a month on a trial basis, but finally abandoned.

In January, however, five new members came to us out of the blue: Margot Caulfield, Carrol Coats, David Waterhouse, George Juhasz and Marie James. Allan Anderson joined for a short while, but promised to return in January 2016. This swelled our ranks to fifteen and helped to give impetus to the most ambitious project attempted for some time.

It was decided to raise funds for the training and presentation of a “Smart Pup” to a local boy with autism and seizure related syndromes. With help from Wyong Tuggerah and other service clubs, and a District grant, the amount of $18,000 was raised by the end of February to see the project’s funds raised.

Our main fundraiser, Spin ‘n’ Win, was revitalised this year by our Community Service Director, Torben Nielsen, with a more positive financial result for our efforts.

Two students, Jackson Marsay and Tom Jeffrey were sponsored for a RYPEN experience.

2015 - 2016 Torben Nielsen (PE)

RI President: K. R. ("Ravi") Ravindran (Vanity) Sri Lanka. His Theme: “Be a Gift To The World”.

Governor of District 9685: Gina Growden (Harold).

President: Torben Nielsen. Secretary: Con Bartsos. Treasurer: Stan Crellin.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This account of the first forty or so years of The Rotary Club of The Entrance was compiled from information supplied by current and previous members, but especially the late foundation member, Bob Howarth, and from two sources of club records, viz. Weekly Dinner Meeting Bulletins, and Booklets produced for presentation at June/July Changeover Dinner Meetings each year.

I would like to thank all members, past and present, for the contributions they have made to the collection of material included in this club chronicle.

Wyong Council had approved the use of the space under the public toilets in Thompson Street West, Long Jetty, for storage of the club’s paraphernalia, including items for garage sales. The club found the space convenient for storing other items, including club records, many of which were not in good condition.

Fortunately, many of these records were rescued when the Wyong Council advised the club of their intention to demolish the building, and they have been kept in the new “Rotary Shed” at my home ever since.

Unfortunately, there are some blanks in the details as many booklets and bulletins have been lost over the years.

I would be grateful to hear from anyone who can help to fill in the gaps.

Robert J Unwin  
Club Member 1997 - 2015

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The Entrance skyline from across the lake
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OF ROTARY CLUB
OF
The Entrance, New South Wales, Australia

DISTRICT 606
POPULATION 9,000

DATE ADMITTED: 25 April, 1972

NUMBER OF CHARTER MEMBERS: 30

MEETING DAY: Tuesday
HOUR: 6:15 pm
PLACE: Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club

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EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE ENTRANCE

(Acknowledgement: “Wikipedia”)

The area was previously inhabited by the Darkinjung people, the local Indigenous Australians.

It is believed Europeans first discovered it in 1796. It was found by Governor of Tasmania, Colonel David Collins, who had arrived on the First Fleet, during the search for an escaped convict woman, Mary “Molly” Morgan, who was said to be living with the Aborigines to the north of the Hawkesbury River.

The area now known as The Entrance was occupied by Henry Holden in 1828. He occupied 640 acres (259 ha) and was bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the eastern side, Tuggerah Lake on the northern and western sides and extended all the way to the current Toowoon Bay Road. Holden named the property Towoon. In 1835 the deeds were issued to John Edye Manning and he sold the land for £200 to Thomas Cade Battley who renamed the property Terilbah.

In 1850, ownership was transferred to the Taylor Family and it was referred to as Tuggerah Beach. The land remained privately owned until about 1900 when the Taylors donated land to the Roman Catholic Church, The Church of England and The Entrance Public School.

On 15 December 1910, Karagi Receiving Office was opened. Karagi, meaning “The Entrance”, was the Aboriginal name for the point on the south bank of the channel at the Pacific Ocean, a name which has since been officially adopted. On 1 June 1911, Karagi Receiving Office was designated a Post Office. The name Karagi was not popular locally and on 15 November 1911, the English interpretation was adopted.